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43:20 - 43:22	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:08) 43:20 Q. Who is -- tell me who is, let's see, 43:21 Dayno, Jeffrey Dayno? Wasn't he your supervisor? 43:22 A. Yep.	NA02.1
50:02 - 50:18	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:47) 50:2 It says, "Arvind, can you please help me 50:3 understand more about your plans with regard to 50:4 Item 4?" 50:5 And it says, "Item 4, when did we agree 50:6 to discuss the specifics of deaths in public?" 50:7 MR. PAPANTONIO: Stop right there. Underline 50:8 that for me. I can't -- before we move on, there 50:9 is a lot packed into this paragraph. Underline 50:10 that for me, would you. 50:11 BY MR. PAPANTONIO: 50:12 Q. "When did we agree to discuss the 50:13 specifics of deaths in the public?" 50:14 Now, with that line up there, Doctor, 50:15 why don't you tell the jury how a person goes about 50:16 dying from a drug overdose. Tell me the physiology 50:17 of how a person stops breathing from a drug 50:18 overdose.	NA02.2
50:21 - 51:08	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:42) 50:21 Q. Do you know enough to be able to tell me 50:22 that? 50:23 A. I mean, when -- when an opioid is given 50:24 at a high enough dose or if it's given frequently 51:1 enough, the patient will have I think a reduction 51:2 in their ability to breathe to the point in some 51:3 cases where they can stop breathing, which -- 51:4 which you -- unless -- unless -- unless they're 51:5 given something like Naloxone, they would probably 51:6 die. 51:7 So, yeah. So, it's a known -- a known 51:8 serious side effect of opioids, including ours.	NA02.3
52:15 - 52:19	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:11) 52:15 Q. this is 52:16 Penny that's writing this, correct? Penny is 52:17 writing this. Why don't you tell the jury a little 52:18 bit more about Penny so we can understand these	NA02.4

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52:22 - 53:06	<p>52:19 words as we go forward. Tell us about Penny.</p> <p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:21)</p> <p>52:22 A. Penny was the regulatory lead for</p> <p>52:23 Fentora by my understanding. So, she was -- she</p> <p>52:24 reported I believe to Eric Floyd.</p> <p>53:1 BY MR. PAPANTONIO:</p> <p>53:2 Q. And regulatory lead is they're the ones</p> <p>53:3 talking to the FDA and supposed to be giving them</p> <p>53:4 all the information, good and bad, about their</p> <p>53:5 product, right?</p> <p>53:6 A. Yes.</p>	NA02.5
55:07 - 55:23	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:55)</p> <p>55:7 Your company was</p> <p>55:8 trying to expand the use of Fentora to things like</p> <p>55:9 back pain and migraine headaches. And I'm not even</p> <p>55:10 sure you knew that, did you?</p> <p>55:11 A. Oh, I mean, I was involved in all the</p> <p>55:12 discussions. I didn't make the final decisions in</p> <p>55:13 some cases. But I will note that, yes, low back</p> <p>55:14 pain was -- so, low back pain in opioid-tolerant</p> <p>55:15 patients.</p> <p>55:16 Migraines, I don't think that we ever</p> <p>55:17 considered migraines as part of an indication that</p> <p>55:18 we were seeking unless those patients were</p> <p>55:19 opioid-tolerant.</p> <p>55:20 So -- so, I think that migraines is</p> <p>55:21 something we never really talked about. Low back</p> <p>55:22 pain and chronic neuropathic pain we did. That was</p> <p>55:23 the goal of the supplementary application.</p>	NA02.6
63:16 - 63:19	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:12)</p> <p>63:16 Q. We already know that you told us</p> <p>63:17 that when Juergen went to the FDA, they did not</p> <p>63:18 approve the use of your product, Fentora, for</p> <p>63:19 anything except cancer pain, correct?</p>	NA02.7
63:23 - 63:23	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:01)</p> <p>63:23 A. Yes, that's correct.</p>	NA02.8
265:14 - 265:21	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:18)</p> <p>265:14 Doctor, this document is entitled</p> <p>265:15 "Fentanyl Buccal Tablet, Review and Assessment of</p> <p>265:16 Risks for Abuse and Diversion."</p>	NA02.9

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	265:17 Do you see that?	
	265:18 A. Yes.	
	265:19 Q. Have you seen this document before?	
	265:20 A. I think so. But, yeah, can't recall	
	265:21 for -- yeah.	
266:20 - 267:01	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:17)	NA02.10
	266:20 Q. Just scrolling down on this first page,	
	266:21 it has a date of November 2007. At that point was	
	266:22 the application to have Fentora used for non-cancer	
	266:23 pain pending before the FDA?	
	266:24 A. Yeah, this looks like the application	
	267:1 for that, yeah.	
274:03 - 274:07	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:13)	NA02.11
	274:3 Q. So, even though patients	
	274:4 were using Fentora and Actiq for chronic pain for	
	274:5 longer than three months, there hadn't been any	
	274:6 controlled trials seeing what would happen to them?	
	274:7 A. Yeah, that's accurate.	
278:03 - 278:03	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:02)	NA02.12
	278:3 Can we turn to page 12. And, so,	
278:04 - 278:12	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:31)	NA02.13
	278:4 looking at this, both the text and the table, it's	
	278:5 referring here to an "Analysis of Aberrant Drug-Use	
	278:6 Behaviors In the Clinical Database."	
	278:7 So, someone went through the clinical	
	278:8 database for these non-cancer patients and looked	
	278:9 for these kinds of behaviors?	
	278:10 A. Yeah, I don't know if it was a	
	278:11 pre-specified analysis or if this was done on a	
	278:12 post hoc basis, on a post hoc basis.	
296:11 - 297:20	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:01:50)	NA02.14
	296:11 Q. So, the sentence here, it says, "Of the	
	296:12 941 patients who took at least one dose of the	
	296:13 study drug (safety analysis set), 156 (17%) of	
	296:14 patients had at least one aberrant drug-use	
	296:15 behavior identified through review of the	
	296:16 database."	
	296:17 So, the conclusion here is that of	
	296:18 patients who took at least one dose of Fentora in	
	296:19 any of these four studies, 17% of them manifested	

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296:20 one aberrant drug-use behavior."

296:21 Is that correct?

296:22 A. Yes.

296:23 Q. And what do you think of that 17%

296:24 number? Is that a high number or a low number?

297:1 A. My understanding, at the time it was a

297:2 relatively low number compared to some of the

297:3 analyses that were done by other authors.

297:4 Q. What do you mean "compared to some of

297:5 those other analyses"? Did they show that people

297:6 would have a higher rate of aberrant behavior?

297:7 A. I recall that -- I recall that it was in

297:8 the 40% range. But it was -- these weren't

297:9 apples-to-apples comparisons.

297:10 Q. Explain what you mean by that.

297:11 A. Well, I think, I mean, as mentioned

297:12 before, this -- this patient population, patients

297:13 with a history of abuse were excluded by my -- by

297:14 my recollection and so -- but -- so, that may be

297:15 one difference compared to -- compared to some of

297:16 the other analyses.

297:17 Q. So, in this -- in these studies,

297:18 Cephalon excluded patients with a prior history of

297:19 substance abuse, didn't they?

297:20 A. Yes.

297:24 - 298:02 **Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:05)**

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297:24 In the real world, providers might be

298:1 prescribing to patients with a history of substance

298:2 abuse, right?

298:05 - 298:06 **Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:03)**

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298:5 A. Yeah, they may -- they may choose to do

298:6 so, yep.

299:06 - 299:15 **Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:28)**

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299:6 Q. And you're saying that some of these

299:7 observational studies in the real world found that

299:8 patients had a higher rate of aberrant behavior,

299:9 like 40%, because they had a different patient

299:10 base, right?

299:11 A. Yeah, that's accurate.

299:12 Q. So, in the real world, providers who are

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299:13	prescribing to patients might see 41 -- 40% of	
299:14	those patients having some sort of aberrant	
299:15	behavior over the long-term?	
299:18 - 300:01	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:26)	NA02.18
299:18	A. It's definitely possible. I think -- I	
299:19	think comparing this study, which -- which had a	
299:20	different meeting exposure compared to the other	
299:21	ones, are definitely challenging.	
299:22	But I do think that the fact that these	
299:23	Fentora studies excluded patients with a history of	
299:24	abuse I think is important in terms of how you	
300:1	interpret the results.	
300:02 - 300:06	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:12)	NA02.19
300:2	BY MR. WARD:	
300:3	Q. All right. And -- and what studies did	
300:4	Cephalon or Teva run on Fentora patients with any	
300:5	sort of history of abuse?	
300:6	A. I don't recall any.	
301:03 - 301:08	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:19)	NA02.20
301:3	Q. So, patients who had a prior history of	
301:4	substance abuse who were being prescribed Fentora	
301:5	in the real world, clinicians and patients were	
301:6	essentially part of an experiment because there	
301:7	hadn't been any prior clinical trials on this	
301:8	patient group, right?	
301:11 - 302:01	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:01:00)	NA02.21
301:11	A. I think that, yeah, there weren't --	
301:12	there were no studies, but I think -- and I also	
301:13	co-authored a paper with a few external thought	
301:14	leaders, and I think what was communicated in that	
301:15	paper is that serious consideration should be --	
301:16	should be given for using a drug like Actiq or	
301:17	Fentora in a patient with a history of abuse.	
301:18	There is -- there is data to suggest	
301:19	from other investigators that the faster the rise	
301:20	in plasma levels is more amenable to -- to -- is	
301:21	preferred by abusers. And so -- so, I think	
301:22	that -- I think we tried to communicate that those	
301:23	will probably not be the best patients to use -- to	
301:24	use Fentora, but in the end it's the physician's	

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302:03 - 302:17	<p>302:1 decision.</p> <p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:43)</p> <p>302:3 Q. Let me understand that. So, you</p> <p>302:4 published an article with some other thought</p> <p>302:5 leaders about whether Fentora should be used with</p> <p>302:6 patients with a prior history of substance abuse.</p> <p>302:7 Is that correct?</p> <p>302:8 A. That wasn't -- the title of the article</p> <p>302:9 was -- it was called "Appropriate" -- I think it</p> <p>302:10 was "Appropriate Patient Selection, Appropriate</p> <p>302:11 Use."</p> <p>302:12 And one of the things I think we</p> <p>302:13 stressed in that article was that -- that if a</p> <p>302:14 patient is -- is started on Fentora who has a</p> <p>302:15 history of abuse, that they should undergo very</p> <p>302:16 close -- very close monitoring. But that would --</p> <p>302:17 that would apply to other opioids also.</p>	NA02.22
304:19 - 305:04	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:28)</p> <p>304:19 Q. What about this data here about the 17%</p> <p>304:20 of patients with aberrant drug-use behavior. Was</p> <p>304:21 that something that was always disclosed?</p> <p>304:22 A. Well, I mean our indication was for</p> <p>304:23 cancer-related breakthrough pain. So, if we did</p> <p>304:24 get the broad indication, which we didn't, then</p> <p>305:1 this information would have been part of -- part of</p> <p>305:2 the information either in the label or in our</p> <p>305:3 promotional materials. But as you know, we never</p> <p>305:4 got the expanded indication.</p>	NA02.23
305:05 - 305:07	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:05)</p> <p>305:5 Q. So, the answer is no, this information</p> <p>305:6 wasn't disclosed?</p> <p>305:7 A. Well, it was --</p>	NA02.24
305:10 - 305:14	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:14)</p> <p>305:10 A. It was disclosed in publications, I know</p> <p>305:11 that. And it -- it wouldn't have -- it would have</p> <p>305:12 been -- some people would have viewed it as</p> <p>305:13 off-label promotion to include it within</p> <p>305:14 promotional materials.</p>	NA02.25
305:16 - 305:21	<p>Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:16)</p> <p>305:16 Q. So, you had -- you had data from this</p>	NA02.26

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305:17 group of non-cancer patients showing that 17% of 305:18 the patients had aberrant drug-use behavior even 305:19 though they had no prior history of substance 305:20 abuse, right? 305:21 A. Yep.		
307:19 - 308:15	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:01:07) 307:19 All right. So, this is a review by the 307:20 FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, 307:21 Controlled Substance Staff. 307:22 And going down to the "Summary" it says, 307:23 "Cephalon has filed this 505(b)(2) supplemental New 307:24 Drug Application." 308:1 Have you ever reviewed this document 308:2 before? 308:3 A. Parts of it I'm pretty sure I looked at. 308:4 Q. Let me read the first sentence there. 308:5 It says, "This review provides recommendations to 308:6 the Division of Anesthesia, Analgesia and 308:7 Rheumatology Products regarding the abuse and 308:8 diversion potential of Fentora." Right? 308:9 A. I'm still not clear on if this was -- 308:10 let's see. Oh, I think -- I think given that it 308:11 was a controlled substance, I think the -- there 308:12 is -- yeah, it looks like there is -- the 308:13 Controlled Substance Staff did their own evaluation 308:14 and provided their recommendation to the division 308:15 that was responsible for evaluating the application.	NA02.27
316:03 - 316:05	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:07) 316:3 Q. Let's go to the next -- the 316:4 paragraph under "Conclusions" that say, "We are 316:5 particularly concerned."	NA02.28
316:06 - 317:06	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:01:08) 316:6 All right. So, the first sentence 316:7 there, "We are particularly concerned about the 316:8 training provided to the clinicians running these 316:9 trials as to their recognition of behavior deemed 316:10 'aberrant' and the policies and procedures for 316:11 capturing and coding such behavior, including the 316:12 definitions of addiction, abuse, and diversion 316:13 employed in these studies."	NA02.29

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316:14 It goes on two sentences later to say,
 316:15 "Because this information is not available or
 316:16 perhaps was not gathered, the rates of abuse,
 316:17 diversion, and aberrant behavior, in general, are
 316:18 likely underreported for these clinical trials."
 316:19 This is what you were talking about
 316:20 earlier with regards to sort of a post hoc analysis
 316:21 versus having something planned ahead. Is that
 316:22 correct?
 316:23 A. I think that's what they're saying, yes.
 316:24 Q. They're saying had Cephalon provided
 317:1 proper training to clinicians about how to identify
 317:2 aberrant behavior and capture and code it, there
 317:3 would have been better data on abuse, addiction,
 317:4 diversion and aberrant behavior. Is that correct?
 317:5 A. Yeah, that's -- that's what they're
 317:6 saying.

318:15 - 319:05

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318:15 Q. Let's talk about the FDA's conclusions.
 318:16 Conclusion, going down on this page to
 318:17 the paragraph with the bullet points under "Based
 318:18 on the information available to date," the first
 318:19 bullet point says, "Based on the information
 318:20 available to date, CSS finds that," bullet point 1,
 318:21 "The risks of unintentional potentially fatal
 318:22 overdose, as well as misuse or abuse of fentanyl,
 318:23 and of Fentora in particular, are extremely high,
 318:24 even when compared to risks posed by other
 319:1 transmucosal fentanyl products."
 319:2 So, the FDA said here that the risks of
 319:3 misuse, abuse and overdose of Fentora are extremely
 319:4 high. Is that correct?
 319:5 A. That's what they're saying.

319:21 - 320:14

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319:21 Q. Next bullet point says, "Events observed
 319:22 in clinical trials illustrate the significant risks
 319:23 of overdose, misuse, abuse, and diversion from
 319:24 Fentora. Detection of aberrant drug-use behavior
 320:1 in the controlled setting of a clinical trial is
 320:2 very unusual and raises concern for the safe use of

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320:3 this drug in the general outpatient setting. It is
 320:4 particularly noteworthy in that 'high risk
 320:5 patients' - those with a prior history of drug or
 320:6 alcohol abuse or those with a positive drug test -
 320:7 were excluded from participation in the clinical
 320:8 trials."
 320:9 So, the FDA is saying a number of things
 320:10 here. First, the FDA says there are significant
 320:11 risks of overdose, misuse, abuse and diversion from
 320:12 Fentora, right?
 320:13 A. Yes, that's what they're -- that's what
 320:14 they say.

321:02 - 321:23

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321:2 Q. All right. The last passage I was
 321:3 reading on the bullet point 2 on this page from the
 321:4 FDA, there is a sentence that said, "Detection of
 321:5 aberrant drug-use behavior in the controlled
 321:6 setting of a clinical trial is very unusual and
 321:7 raises concerns for the safe use of the drug in the
 321:8 general outpatient setting."
 321:9 Do you agree, Dr. Narayana, there is a
 321:10 difference between the controlled setting of a
 321:11 clinical trial and general outpatient use?
 321:12 A. Yeah. Yeah, I think once you move from
 321:13 the controlled setting to a typical outpatient
 321:14 setting, there is -- there is different issues.
 321:15 And so, yeah, something -- something
 321:16 that -- to think about and -- but I would say that
 321:17 the -- the inclusion/exclusion criteria that we had
 321:18 in our studies were, I think we had some
 321:19 investigators actually say that that's -- that's a
 321:20 good way of abusing -- using the drugs or opioids
 321:21 in general in -- in the real world.
 321:22 So, but I think, yeah, I think all
 321:23 their -- all their points are valid.

415:15 - 415:22

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415:15 So, Exhibit 2, we looked at the FDA's
 415:16 Controlled Substances Staff review of the data on
 415:17 aberrant drug behavior. Right?
 415:18 A. Yes.

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415:19 Q. In that document the FDA writes that 415:20 risks of overdose, misuse and abuse were extremely 415:21 high for Fentora when used in chronic non-cancer 415:22 pain patients, right?		
416:01 - 416:11	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:36)	NA02.34
416:1 A. No, I think -- I think they said the 416:2 potential risk. I don't think -- I think they 416:3 were -- they were extrapolating into what they 416:4 thought the use in the real world would look like. 416:5 And so I think they were talking about their 416:6 understanding of the risk is -- was high. 416:7 BY MR. WARD: 416:8 Q. All right. So, in April 2008 the FDA is 416:9 telling Cephalon and you as the medical director 416:10 that Fentora has high risks of abuse and misuse, 416:11 right?		
416:12 - 416:17	Narayana, Arvind 09-30-2021 (00:00:19)	NA02.35
416:12 A. Yeah, yeah, I think that's accurate. 416:13 Q. And that that's a significant risk of 416:14 Fentora to patients who are using Fentora 416:15 chronically, right? 416:16 A. And that was -- that was on the 416:17 non-cancer data.		

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